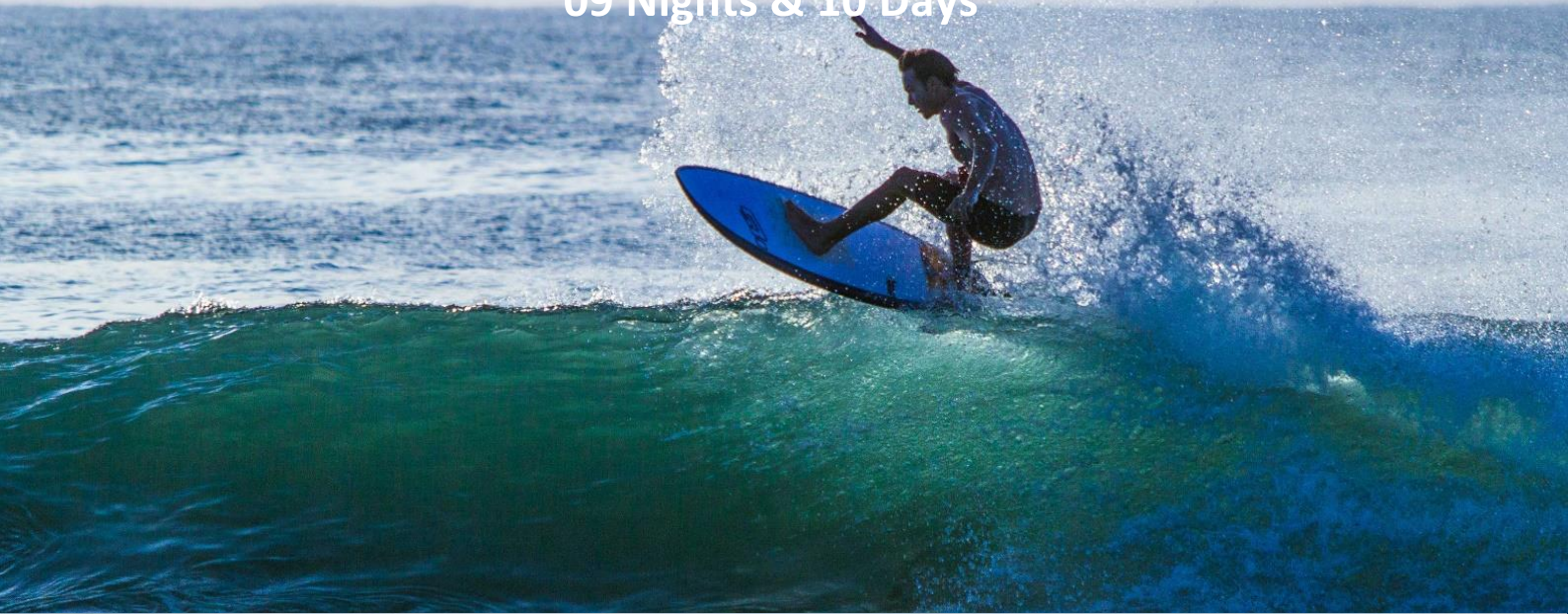


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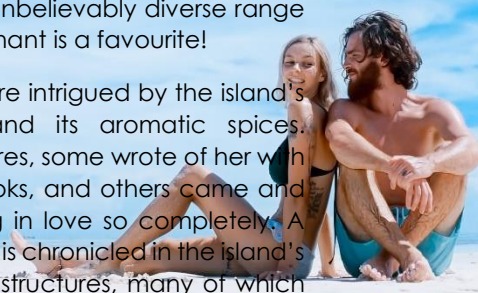
# Sri Lanka

In the Indian Ocean, south of India lies the island of Sri Lanka. Perhaps we're a slightly less travelled and relatively unknown part of South Asia. But this is an identification we relish!

An idyllic land which synthesizes its deep roots in the early days of Buddhism, with its population's multicultural make-up today, a large portion of it resembles a place time forgot. Here, the cows still graze the land carefree; historic ruins and ancient monuments dot every corner; and the unique landscape supports an unbelievably diverse range of creatures. The Sri Lankan Elephant is a favourite!

For millennia, great explorers were intrigued by the island's natural beauty, its culture, and its aromatic spices. Captivated upon visiting her shores, some wrote of her with lavish praise in centuries-old books, and others came and never left the island after falling in love so completely. A cultural history of over 2000 years is chronicled in the island's ancient kingdoms and religious structures, many of which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites today. In more recent times, the Portuguese, Dutch and British held this formerly sovereign land — finally gaining full independence in 1948.

Today, the island is known for her world-class tea, its untouched beaches, diverse wildlife, and ancient Kingdoms, among many other highlights. An island so small, yet with so much to offer the world!



## EXPLORE

Sri Lanka is an out of this world tropical island which is blessed with an exciting piece of everything possible on earth. Escape to a paradise on earth where you can trot along the golden sands sipping a fresh king-coconut, safari through the lush jungle to see mighty elephants and elusive leopards and perfect your golf swing on a stunning green golf course.

This is an outdoor paradise somewhere to totally escape and fall completely off the grid. Buses, tuk-tuks and mopeds all noisily hurtling along the busy streets. Once known as Ceylon, Sri Lanka was a country that

Sri Lanka is a country whose Buddhist past is as prevalent today as it was thousands of years ago. So, with such a lengthy heritage there's a great array of temples, ancient monasteries and monuments to explore, both in the town and hidden away in the islands' dense forests.

Here you'll find local artists taking their inspiration from Sri Lanka's wildlife. Sri Lankan craftsmanship has a long and vibrant history. Over the centuries the islanders have produced everything from lace work, elaborate metal works & carvings in wood. Buddha's Hindu Gods, traditional Sri Lankan masks and elephants are among the most popular carvings.

The people in Sri Lanka are what makes this wonderful island what it is. The smiles, the ever-so-helpful attitude, the laid-back lifestyle and the rustic architecture all tastefully lingers in your mind every step of the way.

## WEATHER & BEST TIME TO VISIT

The weather in Sri Lanka is dictated by two monsoon seasons which bring rain to the west and south-west coasts from May to September; and the east coast and northern region between October and February. The rest of the year is sunny and dry. Temperatures are constant year-round, with coastal regions enjoying average temperatures of 25-30C and the highlands 15-18C on average.

Sri Lanka is a year-round destination since there is something for every discerning traveler. From pilgrim experiences to adventure, culture, honeymoon, or even special interest experiences, there is something you can do in Sri Lanka anytime of the year. With recent weather pattern changes, it is hard to predict when it would rain and when the sun is out, however, making a note that Sri Lanka is a tropical destination and rain is to be expected anytime of the day, any time of the year; always helps.

Our recommended best time of the year to travel is between November to April. However, its best to keep in mind that this period is also quite expensive to travel as the European winters and the festive year end generally attracts a lot of travelers to Sri Lanka.

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## Day 01

## Airport – Habarana

### Meals

*Dinner*

Arrive at the Colombo International Airport. Here, you will be met by a designated Chauffeur Guide from Esna Holidays. After the formalities at the airport, you will be escorted to your air-conditioned vehicle and then proceed to Habarana.

In the evening take off on a safari at the largest known meeting place of Asian Elephants in the world, the Minneriya National Park. (Optional)



One of the main reasons people visit Sri Lanka is to see the Sri Lankan elephant in the wild. Minneriya National Park is one of the best national parks to spot the majestic creature that is the Sri Lankan elephant. It is home to 200+ elephants, monkeys, crocodiles and even a handful of leopards. The gathering around the water reservoir takes place in the dry season from July to October. Besides elephants, here you'll be able to spot peacocks, small black bears, crocodiles, deer, many monkeys and beautifully colored birds.

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Habarana

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## Day 02

## Habarana – Sigiriya - Kandy

### Meals

*Breakfast & Dinner*

After morning breakfast proceed to Sigiriya.

Sigiriya Rock Fortress. (Optional)



Referred to by many names including "The Lion Rock" due to its initial name being "Sinhagiri", Sigiriya is found near the town of Dambulla and is a colossal column of rock nearly 200m high. It was a royal citadel for 18 years (AD 477-495) when it was fortified by King Kasyapa. The architecture and construction methods used at Sigiriya, as well as the advanced irrigation technology, evident in the Water Gardens for example, continue to baffle engineers to this date. The ascent to the top is made using steep steps of metal with sturdy railings, and you'll pass an ancient wall decorated with frescoes of bare-breasted damsels on the way up. Art experts consider them unique in style and technique and other-worldly almost.

Thereafter, depart to Kandy. On arriving, check-in at the hotel.

Later that evening, visit the famous Temple of the Sacred Tooth Relic followed by the Kandy Cultural Show. (Optional)



Sacred Tooth Relic.

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Kandy

The Temple (Sri Dalada Maligawa) was originally built by the Kandyan Kings in 1595, to house and honor the Sacred Tooth Relic of the Buddha. Attracting crowds of white-clad pilgrims bearing lotus flowers for means of worship, the Maligawa features a myriad of intricate carvings that speak volumes of the architectural heritage of Kandy. Today, the city of Kandy is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, in part due to the Temple of the

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## Day 03

## Kandy - Ella

### Meals

After morning breakfast proceed to Ella.

### Breakfast & Dinner

Enroute visit Ramboda Water falls and Tea Factory.

On arriving Nuwara Eliya do the city of Nuwara Eliya and enjoy dinner at a venue of your choosing. Visit the highland city that was the premium holiday resort town of the British in the 19th and early 20th centuries. Enjoy walking through the streets with their pretty little cottages, quaint villas and beautiful mansions. Make a memory in the old red-bricked post office as you purchase a postcard to take home or send to your friends. Relax at Queen Victoria Park or on the shores of Lake Gregory.

Afterward proceed to Ella

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Ella

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## Day 04

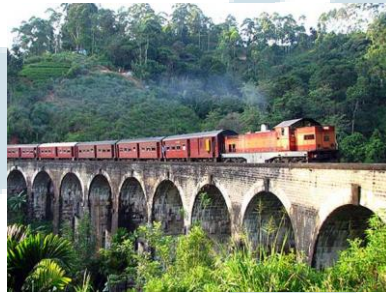
## Ella

### Meals

After morning breakfast

### Breakfast & Dinner

Hotel visit Nine arch bridge and little Adams peak.



**Nine Arch Bridge** is one of the best examples of colonial-era railway construction in the country. The construction of the bridge is generally attributed to a local Ceylonese builder, P. K. Appuhami, in consultation with British engineers. The chief designer and project manager of the 'upcountry railway line of Ceylon' project was D. J. Wimalasurendra, a distinguished Ceylonese engineer and inventor. The designer of the viaduct was Harold Cuthbert Marwood of Railway Construction Department of Ceylon Government Railway. The 1923 report titled

"Construction of a Concrete Railway Viaduct in Ceylon" published by the Engineering Association of Ceylon has details of all the records including the plans and drawings.



**Little Adams Peak** whether considering the word 'Little', it is named after the sacred Adams Peak (Sri Pada -where the foot print of Lord Buddha is preserved) regarding the similarity between the two mountains. Therefore, the mountain was called as Little Adams Peak.

"Punchi Sri Pada" is another name for this peak. It is 1141 m in height. Little Adam's Peak attracts many travelers who come to Sri Lanka. Gradually with an easy hike up to the mountain of Little Adams Peak you can consummation a worth panoramic view. You have to walk through lush green tea plantations, waterfalls and paddy fields while enjoying the sceneries.

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Ella



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## Day 05

## Ella – Arugam bay

### Meals

After morning breakfast proceed to Arugam bay

*Breakfast & Dinner*

Arugam Bay, known locally as "Arugam Kudah", is situated on the Indian Ocean in the dry zone of Sri Lanka's southeast coast, and a historic settlement of the ancient Batticaloa Territory.



Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Arugam Bay

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## Day 06 - 08

## Arugam bay

### Meals

After morning breakfast.

*Breakfast & Dinner*

Surfing Experience in Arugam bay.

Arugam Bay is a historic settlement that is now dominated by surf tourism, as the curvature of the bay, combined with the tides and the reefs, make it perfect to ride 2-metre-high waves out in the bay area. It is an international surfing competition venue, which means it is a destination more suited for advanced surfers.

The best time to surf in **Arugam Bay is from April to October, while July, August and September** are considered to be the very best. The morning period is ideal for surfing here, as the wind generally swings on-shore after about 12 noon during this season. The areas that are popular among the surfing community here are the Main Point, Pottuvil Point and Crocodile Rock.



Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Arugam Bay

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## Day 09

## Arugam Bay – Colombo

### Meals

Breakfast at Hotel, Proceed to Colombo.

### Breakfast & Dinner

On arriving Colombo, take a fascinating journey in the capital of the isle paradise to taste its cultural texture, witness its bustling streets, visit bargain markets, and relax while watching the uprising urban lifestyle of the capital



Colombo City Tour: Take a fascinating journey in the capital of the isle paradise to taste its cultural texture, witness its bustling streets, visit bargain markets, and relax while watching the uprising urban lifestyle of the capital. This commercial and administrative hub of the country proves to be a blend of cultures, religions, and socioeconomic classes. Your city tour will cover the following:

Gangarama Seema Malakaya, National Museum, Old Parliament, Independence Memorial Arcade & Independence Square, Beire Lake, Odel shopping, Cinnamon gardens, Shopping at Laksala state owned Handicrafts emporium, Lighthouse and Clock tower & Colombo Harbor.

Dinner and Overnight stay at Hotel in Colombo

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## Day 10

## Colombo – Airport

### Meals

Breakfast at Hotel

### Breakfast

Later transfer to the Airport for the departure flight back.

End of Tour

## 3\* Hotels

Location	Hotels	Nights	Room Category
Dambulla	Fresco Water Villa or Similar	1 Nights	Deluxe Room
Kandy	Oak Ray Regency or Similar	1 Night	Deluxe Room
Ella	Oak Ray Ella Gap or Similar	2 Nights	Superior Room
Arugam Bay	Vista Bay Arugam bay or Similar	4 Nights	Deluxe Room
Colombo	Global Tower or Similar	1 Night	Deluxe Room

## Cost of tour

Period from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in USD	1005.00	645.00	510.00	499.00	470.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	255.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-	50.00			

Period from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022 to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in USD	935.00	615.00	480.00	469.00	440.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	215.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-	50.00			

## Compulsory Supplements

Kandy Esala Perahera Supplement per person (02nd August 2022 to 11th August 2022) - \$ 20.00

Peak Period Supplement per Person

15th July 2022-31st August 2022 – USD 80.00 Per Person

## 4\* Hotels

Location	Hotels	Nights	Room Category
Dambulla	Sigiriya by Thilanka or Similar	1 Nights	Deluxe Room
Kandy	Thilanka Kandy or Similar	1 Night	Deluxe Room
Ella	Ella Flower Garden or Similar	2 Nights	Superior Room
Arugam Bay	Blue Wave Hotel or Similar	4 Nights	Deluxe Room
Colombo	Fairway Colombo or Similar	1 Night	Deluxe Room

## Cost of tour

Period from 1st June 2022 to 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Pax	1	2	4	6	8
Standard Room per Person Rate in USD	1019.00	695.00	565.00	549.00	520.00
Single Supplement (USD) per Person Rate	-	215.00			
Triple Reduction (USD) per Person Rate	-	40.00			

## Compulsory Supplements

Kandy Esala Perahera Supplement per person (02nd August 2022 to 11th August 2022) - \$ 20.00

Peak Period Supplement per Person

15th July 2022-31st August 2022 – USD 100.00 Per Person



## Tour Includes

- Accommodation in hotels as per the itinerary (Subject to availability)
- Meal plan on Half Board Basis
- Transport in an Air-Conditioned well-maintained vehicle with English-Speaking Chauffeur Guide / National Guide
- All Paging, Parking, Fuel Costs & Highway Tolls.
- All Taxes and Service Charges.

## Tour Excludes

- International Flights & VISA (Visit [www.eta.gov.lk](http://www.eta.gov.lk) for VISA)
- Tips and Portage.
- Entrance fees to mentioned sites
- Lunch
- All beverages & lunches not mentioned in the itinerary.
- Camera & Video Permit Charges if applicable.
- Any other expense not mentioned in the includes section.

## Complimentary

- 1 Liter Bottle of Water Per Person Per Day